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Dear Mary Ann,

Sorry to have taken so long to get these letters that I wrote in Vietnam off to you. I've been home from the hospital for about 3 weeks but I have been very slow to recover, experiencing a lot of fatigue, continued respiratory congestion (probably bronchitis) and weakness. In any event I hope that you are not snowed by the sheer volume of the letters and that they may be of some help to you.

Also enclosed are the pictures that you requested. I had a tough time finding a picture of my self in uniform, as I've was always camera shy. It's not very good, but the only one I could find. I have a couple group pictures taken of military graduating classes that I was in, but I didn't think they would be very appropriate. The recent civilian photo should be adequate.

I am very eagerly anticipating the publishing of your book and I hope that you will notify me as soon as it is available. I'd be especially honored to have a copy autographed by the author. If, however, I have made my transition before the book in released, I would like you to send a copy of The Lavender Corps to: The Lesbian & Gay Archives of San Diego, Post Office Box 4186, San Diego California 92104, and to my sister: Gail Chervon, 1903 Treeline Drive, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050. I hope that that is not asking too much.

Mary Ann, I want you to know that I greatly enjoyed the interview that we had in the hospital. I felt very good about you immediately and felt comfortable sharing things that haven't been talked about for many years. Thanks for your compassion. I think that your book will be a great service to the national gay and lesbian community. I know of no other book that documents gay/lesbian military service, and at least one is definitely needed.

I wish you every success with the completion and marketing of your book. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. If you should find yourself in San Diego, please give me a call at 619-280-7411.

Love in the struggle,

Jess Jessop

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